

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1917 - SB 1912

February 18, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Adds “interventional procedures or treatments” to the list of alternative treatments a healthcare practitioner is required to disclose and explain to a patient or the patient’s legal representative before consent may be obtained for treatment with an opioid.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014911): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Adds nonopioid medicinal drugs or drug products, occupational therapy, and interventional procedures or treatments to the list of alternative treatments a healthcare practitioner is required to disclose and explain to a patient or the patient’s legal representative before consent may be obtained for treatment with an opioid.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-164(a)(5)(A)(i)(c), before prescribing an opioid, a healthcare practitioner is required to discuss reasonable alternatives to opioids for treating and managing the patient’s condition or symptoms and the benefits and risks of alternative treatments.
- The definition of “alternative treatments” currently includes, but is not limited to, treatments such as chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, and other such treatments that relieve pain without the use of opioids.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will have no effect on policies or procedures of the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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